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An Act to confer further powers on the Royal College of Physicians of London to confirm the name of the College and for other purposes. [2nd June 1960.]

WHEREAS—

- (1) By letters patent dated the twenty-third day of September fifteen hundred and eighteen confirmed by an Act passed in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of the reign of King Henry VIII intituled "The Privileges and Authority of Physicians in London" certain physicians in London were incorporated by the name of "the President and College or Commonalty of the Faculty of Physic in London":
- (2) By an Act passed in the year eighteen hundred and fourteen (54 Geo. 3 c. cxviii) intituled "An Act to enable the President and College or Commonalty of the Faculty of Physic in London to hold their Corporate Meetings within the City of Westminster or the Liberties thereof" after reciting amongst other things that it was doubtful whether the said President and College or Commonalty could hold any corporate meetings or do any corporate acts whatever out of the city of London it was enacted that all orders meetings elections examinations proceedings or acts had done and performed by the said President and College or Commonalty or by the president and any three or more of the elects of the said College or Commonalty within the city of Westminster should be as valid and of like effect as the same would have been if had done and performed within the city of London:

- (3) In the Medical Act 1858 the Medical Acts Amendment Act 1860 the Medical Act 1886 and the Medical Act 1956 the said President and College or Commonalty are referred to as "The Royal College of Physicians of London" and though none of the aforesaid Acts or any other Acts has authorised such name for upwards of one hundred years the said President and College or Commonalty have been known as and have used the name "The Royal College of Physicians of London" and it is expedient that such name should be duly authorised as the corporate name:
- (4) It is expedient to authorise the College to perform corporate acts and hold meetings and do all such other acts and things anywhere in England as it could hitherto lawfully perform and do in the city of London or the city of Westminster:
- (5) It is expedient to remove the limit on the yearly value of the lands which may be held by the College:
- (6) It is expedient that the other provisions contained in this Act be enacted:
- (7) The purposes of this Act cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament:

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Royal College of Physicians of London Act 1960.

Interpretation.

- 2. In this Act unless the context otherwise requires—
 - "the Act of 1814" means the Act passed in the year eighteen hundred and fourteen (54 Geo. 3 c. cxviii) intituled "An Act to enable the President and College or Commonalty of the Faculty of Physic in London to hold their Corporate Meetings within the City of Westminster or the Liberties thereof";
 - "the College" means the President and College or Commonalty incorporated by letters patent dated the twenty-third day of September fifteen hundred and eighteen;
- "corporate act" includes the holding of meetings elections examinations or proceedings and the making of orders and any other act or thing which the College could lawfully perform or do in the city of London or the city of Westminster prior to the passing of this Act.

- 3.—(1) The College shall be called and known by the name of Name of "The Royal College of Physicians of London". College.
- (2) The use of the said name before the passing of this Act in any statute order byelaw deed will or other document or in connection with any corporate act of the College is hereby declared to be as fully valid as if this section had been in force at the time of that use.
- (3) Nothing in this section shall affect any powers rights privileges or obligations of the College.
- 4. Any corporate act performed by the College or by the Corporate council or any committee thereof anywhere in England outside the acts outside city of London and the city of Westminster shall be as valid and city of like effect as if it had been performed in the city of London or the city of Westminster.

 Westminster.
- 5. Section II (College of Physicians may hold lands of a certain Amendment value) of the Act of 1814 shall have effect as if the words "not of section II exceeding in the whole the yearly value of one thousand pounds" of Act of were omitted therefrom:

Provided that the College shall not except with the consent of the Charity Commissioners purchase land unless the land is required for actual occupation immediate or future for the purposes of the College and not as an investment but nothing in this proviso shall prevent the College from accepting a gift or devise of any land and holding without licence in mortmain any land so given or devised.

6. The costs charges and expenses preliminary to and of and Costs of Act. incidental to the preparing applying for obtaining and passing of this Act as taxed by the taxing officer of the House of Lords or of the House of Commons shall be paid by the College out of their general funds.

Table of Statutes referred to in this Act

| Short title | Session and chapter |
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| Medical Act 1858 Medical Acts Amendment Act 1860 | 21 & 22 Vict, c. 90. 23 & 24 Vict, c. 7. |
| Medical Act 1886 | 49 & 50 Vict. c. 48. 4 & 5 Eliz. 2 c. 76. |

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